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NAIROBI FOR AMBASSADOR MARSHALL

SECSTATE FOR AF/E - BARRETT

PARIS FOR MELOH

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: MINI-COM IN NAIROBI

REF: NAIROBI 0071

1. REFTTEL OUTLINED FOR JAN 22 MEETING LOOKS GENERALLY FINE TO ME. HOWEVER, I WONDER WHETHER DEVOTING TWO HOURS IN MORNING TO POSSIBILITIES INTER-COUNTRY WAR MAY NOT UNDULY STRESS THIS CONTINGENCY. REGIONAL STABILITY IN OUR AREA MAY PERHAPS BE SUBJECT GREATER THREAT FROM FISSIPAROUS TENDENCIES ORIGINATING WITHIN OUR VARIOUS COUNTRIES. EXAMINATION OF WAYS IN WHICH THESE MAY IMPINGE ON NEIGHBORS (E.G., SOUTH SUDAN, ERITREA) WOULD FROM MY POINT OF VIEW BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL.

2. ALSO BELIEVE THAT WE COULD PROFITABLY REVIEW WAYS IN WHICH WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO MORE TO GET SUPPORT FFR OUR POSITIONS AT UN FROM OUR THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES. SECRETARY'S CONCERN ON THIS SUBJECT (STATE 303856) AFFORDS HELPFUL POINT OF DEPARTURE. EXPERIENCE HERE SUGGESTS THAT WORKING WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFTEN RESEMBLES DIALOGUE OF THE DEAF, AS MOST THIRD WORLD

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POSITIONS SEEM TO BE TAKEN IN NEW YORK ON BASIS GROUP CONSENSUS,

FREQUENTLY WITHOUT ADVANCE WORD TO THEIR OWN CAPITALS. IF OTHERS HAVE SIMILAR EXPERIENCES, EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON HOW BEST TO TACKLE THIS INTRACTABLE ISSUE COULD BE VERY USEFUL.

3. ONLY OTHER THOUGHT I HAVE IS THAT WE MIGHT WISH DEVOTE MORE TIME IN AFTERNOON TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR US TRADE/INVESTMENT AND MINERALS IMPORTANCE AREA TO U.S. ITEMS WHICH PRECEDE THIS IN REFTEL OUTLINE COULD IN MY VIEW BE CORRESPONDINGLY REDUCED.

4. MANY THANKS FOR YOUR HOSPITALITY. LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AGAIN.
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